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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, CVIS, CSCE, CZ
SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS

REFS A. STATE 52715, B. PRAGUE 0546, C. PRAGUE 0293

1. EMBASSY HAS SENT REGISTERED LETTER TO NEW AMERICAN DESK OFFICER AT CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION (MRS. EL-ZAHLAWI) STATING THAT VEJVODA'S VISA HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. PAO ALSO READ LETTER OVER TELEPHONE TO DESK OFFICER IN ADVANCE OF ITS DELIVERY. DESK OFFICER SAID SHE WOULD INFORM VEJFODA. SHE ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT VEJVODA SHOULD APPLY AGAIN. PAO REPLIED THAT HE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AND REPEATED THAT THE VISA HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

2. DIRECTOR OF CZECHOSLOVAK TV INTERNATIONAL DIVISION VANICEK LATER CALLED PAO TO ASK REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL. PAO SAID THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE GOC HAD SIMILARLY DENIED A VISA TO LESLIE COLLITT.

3. CONSULAR SECTION IS REQUESTING THAT VEJVODA VISIT EMBASSY. IF HE DOES SO, WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COORDINATE PROMPTLY WITH INS, IN EVENT THAT VEJVODA ATTEMPTS MAKE USE OF VISA.

5. USIA FOR SCANLAN, IEU.
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